

AS

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-217-C - ORDER NO. 97-447

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MAY 22, 1997

IN RE: Application for Approval of the) ORDER
Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by) APPROVING
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and) AGREEMENT
Interstate Telephone Group.)

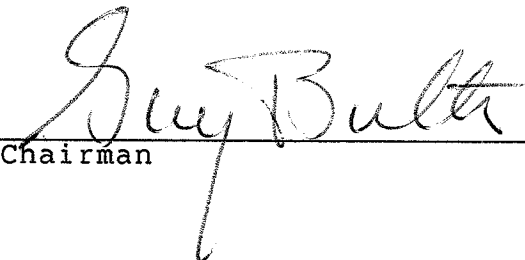
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Interstate Telephone Group ("Interstate") for approval of the interconnection agreement negotiated by and between the two companies pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 of the Act. We approve the agreement as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of the interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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